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EE-I DAILY PROGRESS REPORT, 5 NOVEMBER 1951, MONDAY

BGFIEND

1. A cable reached this office on 3 November 1951 from [] CIA Senior Representative in Germany, which expressed concern over the current status of project BGFIEND. He confirmed that the Wangness Estate was pinpointed beyond question and termed as unrealistic the recent Washington suggestion that lie detector tests be widely used and training techniques be improved with the emphasis on survival. [] furthermore, questioned whether our returns were commensurate with our effort and suggested a review of the BGFIEND project at the highest level.

2. A priority cable from [] on 3 November requested authority to drop the propaganda leaflets entitled " Our Reply to the Communist Terror" into Albania on 7 November 1951. The leaflets, which had been prepared by BGFIEND, were to have been dropped by the Royal Air Force. Since that organization was unable to provide the required aircraft, BGFIEND [] planned to furnish emergency air support for the drop. In addition, the cable inquired whether the forthcoming propaganda supply drops would require individual authorization. [] has tentatively scheduled two such missions for 19 and 23 November.

[] expressed concern that the text of the leaflets might be inappropriate in view of recent developments in Albania. An examination of a translation of the leaflet led to the tentative conclusion

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that the message was appropriate under present circumstances [] attempted to contact Mr. Campbell of the Department of State, in order to secure approval of the mission, but was unable to do so. He then expressed his desire to withhold an immediate reply to the cable until Monday, 5 November, in order that additional consideration might be given the matter. [] stated that this decision was prompted by the increased interest recently directed toward BGFIEND by higher authorities, including [] expressed a desire that [] contact him Monday morning concerning the case.

3. An additional cable from [] on 3 November brought word of the Chestnut Tree Team, which was infiltrated into Albania 10 miles southwest of Peshkopiya on 14 October 1951, and of the Pine Tree Team, which was infiltrated on 18 May into the Kukes region and which received additional personnel and supplies on 15 October. A W/T operator was delivered to the Pine Team at the time of the latter drop.

Three members of the Chestnut Team exfiltrated into Greece via Yugoslavia after being separated from the other two members during a fire-fight. The exfiltrees stated that they had no evidence or knowledge that their two comrades had been killed. They had spent only four days inside Albania.

It was stated, in addition, that W/T contact had been established between the Pine Team and its base, but that the message was not decipherable.

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